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1. ACCORDING TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE SPD'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, KLEIPSTIES, SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WISCHNEWSKI AND BRUECK RETURNED TO BONN REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR MISSION TO CHILE. THEY OBTAINED RELEASE OF THE FIVE GERMAN NATIONALS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED. THEY WERE ALLOWED CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND WERE ABLE
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TO MEET NOT ONLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA BUT ALSO WITH

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THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SUPREME COURT AND CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND CHURCHES. THEY WERE PERMITTED TO TALK, ALTHOUGH NOT ALONE, WITH THE LEADER OF THE RADICAL PARTY, WHO IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

2. KLEIPSTIES SAID INTERIOR MINISTER BONILLA HAD TOLD WISCHNEWSKI AND BRUECK THAT ALL PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN ABOUT SIX WEEKS EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO WERE TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THE SPD REPS WERE APPARENTLY ALLOWED TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM WHERE PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD AND, WHILE CONDITIONS THERE APPEARED UNAVOIDABLY DIFFICULT, THEY DID NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF TORTURE OR SYSTEMATIC MISTREATMENT OF THE PRISONERS. NEVERTHELESS, KLEIPSTIES EMPHASIZED, THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO INFORM THEMSELVES THOROUGHLY ON THE PLIGHT OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS.

3. THE FRG FONOFF CALLED IN THE CHILEAN CHARGE ON OCTOBER 3 TO INFORM HIM THAT A CONTINUATION OF POLITICAL PERSECUTIONS AND EXECUTIONS WOULD "BURDEN" THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH CHILE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT "CIVIL-WAR-LIKE CONDITIONS" NO LONGER SEEMED TO PREVAIL. THE FRG EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK THAT THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNIST LEADER, CORVALAN, BE SPARED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. HILLENBRAND

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